

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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FUNDS FOR TELE-COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) the amount allocated for development of tele-communications network in Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) whether the development works have been completed as per the targets set in the State;
- (c) if so, the expenditure incurred on the development works separately during each of the last three years and till date; and
- (d) the number of new telephone connections allotted in State during the last three years and till date?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI J. PRADHAN)

- (a) The amount allocated for development of telecommunications network in Bihar during the last three years is an under:-

Year	Amount
1. 2000-01	Rs. 775.78 Crores
2. 2001-02	Rs. 1043.88 Crores
3. 2002-03	Rs. 404.22 Crores

- (b) Yes sir, the development work has been completed as per the set targets in Bihar State. BSNL provided 7.22 lakh Direct Exchange Lines against the target of 6.76 lakhs, during last three years.

- (c) The expenditure incurred on the development work during the last three years and up to 31-10-2003 during the year 2003-04 is as under:-

Year	Amount
1. 2000-01	Rs. 497.38 Crores
2. 2001-02	Rs. 951.48 Crores
3. 2002-03	Rs. 486.14 Crores
4. 2003-04 (up to 31.10.2003)	Rs. 111.68 Crores++

++ The expenditure is provisional and is based on fund authorization to Bihar.

- (d) The details of number of telephone connections allotted in Bihar State during the last three years and till 31.10.2003 during the year 2003-04 are as under:-

Year	Number of connections Given
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1. 2000-01 2.65 Lakhs
2. 2001-02 2.96 Lakhs
3. 2002-03 1.61 Lakhs
4. 2003-04 (up to 31.10.2003) 0.78 Lakhs

Total 8.00 Lakhs